# TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

# Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robyn Diane Moore

"Installation of the 13th & 1st Female Pastor of First Baptist Institutional Church."

WHEREAS: Understanding God's call and purpose for her own life, The Rev. Dr. Robyn Diane Moore began her ministry with the completion of a ten-month extensive training (2002) and ordination to the Hartford Memorial Baptist Church Diaconate Ministry. She was later licensed and ordained to ministry both under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Charles Gilchrist Adams during October 2008/09. Her ministry included an awe-inspiring ministerial internship under the guidance of Rev. Dr. DeeDee M. Coleman at Russell Street Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Ml. Rev. Moore served as Youth/Young Adult Minister and Pulpit/Worship Liturgist, as well as one of 'a six-minister staff team' for six years at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church supporting the senior pastor. Additionally, Rev. Moore has served as an interim pastor for First Congregational UCC, Wyandotte, Ml and provided many congregations with consulting work on church growth and new ministry development. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rev. Moore was called to First Baptist Institutional Baptist Church in Detroit as the 13<sup>th</sup> and first female pastor in its 101 years of history, AND

WHEREAS: Reverend Dr. Robyn Diane Moore, also referred to sometimes as Rev. Robyn, is afforded many opportunities to being committed, obedient and faithful to her ministry. The focus of her ministry is based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, and vs.13 where Paul teaches the importance of love just as Christ loved us. Her ministry focuses on demonstrating love to all but particularly to the oppressed, those forgotten, disenfranchised or voiceless. Moreover, she is passionate about sharing the gospel with those who feel disconnected or who are unaware of God's true presence. Often gathering people of all ages in her home to encourage embracing the Gospel, Rev. Moore believes 'you must meet people where they are, then nurture and guide them to see God's true purpose', AND

WHEREAS: Reverend Dr. Robyn Diane Moore, as a graduate of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary (ETS), holds a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degree from this esteemed institution. Rev. Moore's passion for young adults led to her research and dissertation titled: Broken Chains: Reconnecting Links of Young Adults to Church Worship and was successfully defended during March 2016. She was employed with Xerox Corporation nearly twenty-nine years but has been led by the Holy Spirit to transition into full-time ministry, AND

WHEREAS: Reverend Dr. Robyn Diane Moore, inclusive of many affiliations is passionate about her work within the Interfaith Communities including Coalition for Black and Jewish Unity. She is the Vice-President at Large for Congress of Christian Education for Michigan Progressive Baptist Convention. On the Regional and National levels of Progressive National Baptist Convention, Rev. Moore is actively serving in Christian Education and the Clergy Women's Division. Rev. Moore served on the American Baptist Churches of Michigan Regional Board as formal Chairperson of Family Ministry Team and a current Board Member of the Detroit Baptist Union. Rev. Moore serves on the Board of Directors for Hope for America, a non-profit that exposes youth to skilled trades through pre-apprenticeship programs. She supports young girls and women as the Clergy Advisor on the Religious Relations Committee of Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, African American/Jewish Women Alliance and in the local community. Rev. Moore is a member and the Public Relations Chairperson of the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and Greater Vicinity. Rev. Moore has received numerous nominations and awards including the ETS Women in Leadership and Nominee for Dean of the Chapel of Spelman College.

WHEREAS: Reverend Dr. Robyn Diane Moore, through pastoral care, enjoys helping others have clear communications with God by cultivating, inspiring and encouraging others. She loves walking in the early morning hours where she can meditate, give praise, and pray to the Almighty God. On a personal note, Rev. Moore is passionate about her shoe shopping, ballroom/hustle dancing, and limited bowling skills; but most importantly spending time with her three millennial-age children, Alyson (D'Andre), Dean II, and Alexis, as well as her first grandchild, Jayce Ramon, NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE

RESOLVED: That on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019 that Council Member Roy McCalister Jr., and the entire Detroit City Council, joins with the First Baptist Institutional Church Congregation, in celebrating the Installation of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> female Pastor in the church's 101-year history. May God bless Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robyn Diane Moore and the First Baptist Institutional Church Family with many successful years in the service of our Lord.

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### In Memoriam

## Mr. Charles "Chuck" L. Brazelton

November 4, 1932 - March 15, 2019

- WHEREAS: Mr. Charles "Chuck" L. Brazelton age 86, was ushered into paradise by angels on Friday, March 15, 2019, at Beaumont Hospital in Taylor, Michigan; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Charles L. Brazelton was born in Nashville, Tennessee, to Harry and Fannie Brazelton on November 4, 1932. He attended High School in Nashville and went on to graduate from Tennessee State University. After graduation, Chuck heeded the call of his country and proudly served in the United States Army. After serving his country, Charles came to Michigan and was employed by the United States Postal Service. He worked for the Post Office for over 35 years, before retiring as an Operations Manager on January 1, 1988; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Charles L. Brazelton met his one true love, Mary C. Lassic in 1964 and never separated. They made their union official on October 16, 1967, in Toledo, Ohio. They celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary in October 2018; and
- WHEREAS: Charles L. Brazelton loved the Lord, and was baptized at St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church in Nashville.

  Upon arriving in Detroit, Michigan, Charles joined Ebenezer AMC Church. Later he and his bride became members of the Hope United Methodist Church in Southfield.
- WHEREAS: Mr. Charles Brazelton was described as an avid sports fan which was an understatement. He was a lifelong student of all sports. Not only did he play baseball, basketball, and football, but he was a little league baseball coach as well. In his later years, he could be found pontificating on the games from the comfort of his reclining chair. Charles also enjoyed a challenging game of Tournament Bridge and has many trophies to attest to his skills in the game. Charles lived an amazing life and blessed more people than we will ever know, and
- Mr. Charles L. Brazelton was proceeded in death by his parents and siblings: Thomas, Minnie Jean, Mary; Harry Jr., William Edward, and Dorothy Ann. Left to cherish his memory are: his loving wife, Mary C. Brazelton; sisters, Gwendolyn Brazelton, Beverly (Roderick) Townsend; brother George Brazelton; special niece and traveling buddy, Jalynn Lassic: nieces and nephews, Samaki, Thalia, Montoya, Monique, Mia, Larry, Tony, Ed Patricia Yvonne, Bernadine, Robin, April, Deborah, Fran, Mercedes, Barbara Ann and Faye Grover Grey, Avril Lassic; brother-in-law, Gary Lassic, and a host of cousins, family and friends, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: City Council Member Roy McCalister, Jr. and The Detroit City Council join with family and friends as they honor the life achievements of Mr. Charles L. Brazelton.

March 28,

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### In Memoriam

# Bishop Horace L. Jackson

February 15, 1949 - March 22, 2019

WHEREAS:

On March 22nd, 2019 Bishop Horace L. Jackson better known as H.L. Jackson left from

labor to reward, and

WHEREAS:

Bishop Horace L. Jackson accepted his call to ministry in 1975 and became the

assistant pastor of The Church of God in Unity in 1976, and

WHEREAS:

During **Bishop H. L. Jackson 's** life in the earth, he was known as a beloved husband for

over 50 years, to Sylvia Jackson who proceeded him from Labor to reward. Together they

birthed five beautiful children and were blessed with four more to call their own, and

WHEREAS:

Bishop H. L. Jackson was a man of Faith, Power and of the Word, and

WHEREAS:

**Bishop H. L. Jackson** was a father, businessman, and community leader known as a champion for the forgotten and those who had no help. Many he took under his wing offering life skill classes, employment, drug rehabilitation, housing assistance and transportation allowing them to become functional and responsible homeowners, and

WHEREAS:

Now, we Celebrate the Life, the Legacy and the Love of Bishop Horace L. Jackson.

We salute his Memory, his Message and his Mission, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED:** 

That Council Member Roy McCalister Jr., and The Detroit City Council join in with family and friends in letting it be known from this day and days forward that **Bishop Horace L**. **Jackson** is resting from his labor; as Revelations 14:13 says; **Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." Revelation 14:13 (NKJV). Well done good and faithful servant. <b>Bishop** 

Horace L. Jackson shall be missed but never forgotten.

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